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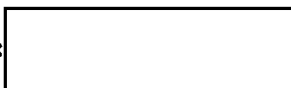
I am in receipt of your letter dated 16 March 1949 and have investigated the situation which you outline therein.

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I find that your proposed reassignment to Washington was handled in a manner consistent with the plan which existed at the time of my investigation following receipt in June 1948 of your undated memorandum with regard to your eventual replacement as Chief, [redacted] and that the proposed date of your change in grade and your salary within that grade were in accordance with rules and regulations of the Central Intelligence Agency and the Civil Service Commission. Since this plan existed prior to your appeal to me and prior to the time you appealed your efficiency rating, and since, had you not resigned of your free will and volition, this plan would have been carried out, I do not find that any action taken can be properly interpreted as punishment because of these appeals. I wish to reassure you, as I did in my letter of 14 June 1948, that I find no evidence of unfair treatment in the handling of your case.

In accordance with your request, all inquiries concerning your previous employment with this agency will in the future be referred to the Personnel Officer for reply.

Concur:



Personnel Officer

*Sign & drop 3/22*

**R. W. HILLENKOETTER**  
REAR ADMIRAL, USN  
DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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